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FOR ASST SEC MENDOLIA FROM CHARGE LEHMANN

STATE FOR AMBASSADOR MARTIN

EO 11652: N/A

TAGS: MASS VS

SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF CONTRACT DAEA 18-74-C-0026

FEDERAL ELECTRIC CORPORATION

1. I SOLICIT YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE FEDERAL ELECTRIC CORPORATION AS THE COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES CONTRACTOR IN THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM BEYOND AUGUST 31, 1975, THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE CURRENT CONTRACT. ALTHOUGH THE DEFENSE ATTACHE OFFICE HAS SO RECOMMENDED TO THE COMMANDER, U.S. ARMY COMMUNICATIONS COMMAND, IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT FINAL APPROVAL FOR THE CONTINUANCE MUST BE GIVEN BY THE OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF THE ARMY (I AND L).

2. FEC HAS, UNDER CONTRACT WITH THE ARMY, BEEN PROVIDING COMMUNICATIONS MANAGEMENT, OPERATION, MAINTENANCE, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FOR RVNAF AND THIS MISSION SINCE OCTOBER 20, 1970. THIS CONTRACT HAS BEEN EXTENDED THROUGH THE EXERCISE OF ITS OPTION PROVISIONS, TO AUGUST 31, 1975.

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3. CONTINUATION WITH FEC FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE IS FULLY

JUSTIFIED BY THE NECESSITY OF MAINTAINING CONTINUITY OF COMMUNICATIONS EFFORTS IN REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM, ESPECIALLY DURING THIS PERIOD OF SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED HOSTILITY. I BELIEVE TURNING TO A NEW CONTRACTOR WILL CAUSE AN UNACCEPTABLE DISRUPTION OF CRITICAL COMMUNICATIONS SERVICES THAT WOULD HAVE A SIGNIFICANT DETRIMENTAL IMPACT ON U.S. GOVERNMENT INTERESTS IN VIET-NAM. THE CURRENT CONTRACTOR, FEC, HAS LONG EXPERIENCE AND A KNOWLEDGE OF COMMUNICATION SERVICES HERE WHICH IS NOT READILY TRANSFERRABLE WITHIN ACCEPTABLE TIME FRAME.

4. IN SHORT, I FULLY CONCUR IN DAO'S REQUEST FOR CONTINUING THE CONTRACTOR AND WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSISTANCE IN SECURING THE NECESSARY DA APPROVAL.

5. WARM REGARDS.  
LEHMANN

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